

hectares in 1977-78 to about 14,211 hectares in 1991-92. The question of any country being against India for producing more opium, therefore, does not arise.

Tripartite Meeting on Textile Policy

6040. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hold tripartite meeting before making changes in the new textile policy;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Textiles have already held consultations with State Governments, Organisations representing various sectors in the Ministry and concerned Ministries like Labour etc., in the Government of India to take care of the interest of all sectors. Abid Hussain Committee also had representatives of concerned Sectors. The Government therefore, feels that necessary consultations have taken place to take a view.

C.B.I. Raid at Customs Office, Bombay Airport

6041. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation raided Customs Office at Bombay airport on January 31 this year;

(b) if so, the details of the irregularities

that have come to the notice as a result of the raid; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No raid was conducted by CBI on 31.1.92 on the Customs Office located at Bombay Airport, as such.. However, the CBI searched brief-cases of some Customs Officers and some locker rooms etc. located at the Airport.

(b) Nothing incriminating was found in 43 lockers. From 29 lockers, one almirah and one brief-case Rs. 40,300, US \$ 37, 188 bottles of foreign liquor, cigarettes, watches, electronics goods, etc., were recovered.

(c) The CBI has registered 3 cases, one against a Superintendent of Customs and two against Air Customs Officers. The Superintendent from whose brief-case Rs. 7,000/- and liquor bottles were found has been suspended.

[English]

Four Laning of National Highways

6042. SHRIMATIVASUNDHARARAJE:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take up the four laning work of some National Highways with Japanese assistance during the Eighth Plan.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the National Highways identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT